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Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty was adopted by resolution 50/245 of 10 September 1996 and opened for signature on 24 September 1996,

Noting that the first meeting of the States Signatories adopted resolution CTBT/MSS/RES/1 of 19 November 1996 thereby establishing the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization,

Noting also that in decision 52/414 of 9 December 1997, it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, the item entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty",

Welcoming the signatures of the Treaty by ... States, including all nuclear-weapon States and welcoming also ratifications of the Treaty by ... States, including by two nuclear-weapon States,

Recalling the provision in article XIV.2 of the Treaty for a Conference to be convened, at the request of a majority of the States that have ratified, to examine the extent to which the requirement set out in paragraph 1 of this article has been met and to consider and decide by consensus what measures consistent with international law may be undertaken to accelerate the ratification process in order to facilitate the early entry into force of this Treaty,

1. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet done so to sign and to become parties to the Treaty at the earliest possible date, thus contributing to its rapid entry into force and to the early achievement of universal adherence;

2. *Welcomes* the contributions by States Signatories to the work of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission, in particular, to its efforts to establish the Treaty's verification regime;

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3. *Urges* States to maintain their moratoria on nuclear-weapons tests and to refrain from acts which would defeat the object and purpose of the Treaty pending its entry into force;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty".